

# The Beiseker Times



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## Level Land News Briefs

Mrs. Daniel Skortez of Prince Albert, Sask., is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gimbel. Mr. Skortez is pastor of a number of churches in the Prince Albert district.

Howard Gimbel from Walla Walla College, Washington, was visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gimbel, for a few days.

Ruth and Gordon Smedly and Lydia Manweiler of Canadian Union College and Mrs. Smedly were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Tetz of Acme over the weekend. Mrs. Tetz is Mrs. Smedly's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Trenchuk of Edmonton were visiting at the home of Mrs. Trenchuk's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Krenzler for the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trenchuk of Edmonton were visiting with Mrs. Trenchuk's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Huether.

Mrs. Ben Huether of this district regrets to inform us that her chance to make a fortune on a radio quiz program turned out to be a false alarm. However, she wishes that Emil Lang would hurry to send her the bag of consolation prizes.

On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross I want to thank all the donors in Township 28 and Range 24 and also the two miles south of the same township to the Rosebud Creek, for their loyalty and support of the Red Cross. Your help has never before been needed as it is now, and again I want to thank you. We of this township have raised \$533.12. The list of donors will appear in the Beiseker Times soon.

John Leiske.

## Choral Group Visits District

LEVEL LAND — A group from Canadian Union College, Lacombe, came down Friday, March 20, to give a number of programs in this district during the week-end. A program of sacred music was given in the S.D.A. Church on Friday night and special music was to have been provided throughout the Sabbath Services and a secular program in the hall on Saturday night. Because of bad weather these last programs had to be cancelled. All were sorry that the programs could not be given as planned. The group left Sunday morning. Members of the group were: Mr. P. G. Miller, principal of the High School Dept.; Mr. William Haynes, vocal teacher and choir director of C.U.C.; Mr. Thomas Sheldon, piano teacher and band and orchestra director; Mrs. Haynes, Victoria Tkachuk, Evelyn Schram, Alice Fitch, Frances and Ruby Bader, Geraldine Roth, Amerylis Grammas, Mariorie Leiske, Don French, Ralph Coupland, Norman Matiko, Bob Koronko and Bob Huether.

## Local Man Tops Sale For Sows

CROSSFIELD — At the Calgary hog show and sale, Mr. Jim Scholfield on Thursday last, topped the sale of sows which netted him \$200.00. This was sold to T. Cleayland, Delacour. Mr. Scholfield's sow was placed second in the class of "bred sows."

Mr. Ken Jensen purchased the Reserve Champion sow from W. A. Innes of Ogden at this sale.

## Commonwealth Mourns Queen Mary



Four generations of the commonwealth were familiar with Queen Mary—first as the Duchess of York, then as Queen, then as Queen Mother, and then as Dowager Queen. Raised in the Victorian era, she became a symbol of the dignity of the age. She was known as kindly yet unyielding, gracious but reserved. Some of the highlights of her 84 years included her marriage to Duke of York in 1893; their coronation in 1911 and celebration of their silver jubilee in 1935. To many Britons she, more than any other, was the true symbol of Britain's monarchic continuity.

## Golden Wedding Celebrated

BEISEKER — Mr. and Mrs. Engel of Medicine Hat, Alta., celebrated their golden wedding on March 28. A service at 3:30 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church was held, at which their family sang the hymn, "Jesus Will Walk With Me." The church was decorated with daffodils and gold streamers. A lovely lunch in the church basement followed the ceremony, which was attended by 150 people. The bride of 50 years received a gold ring from her husband and many beautiful gifts were showered upon them. The eight sons of the couple were present for the occasion. They are Emil, Earl, Fred, Reuben and Evald of Woodrow, Sask.; Art from Abbotford, B.C.; Alfred of Red Deer; John of Martin North Dakota. John is a Baptist minister and also acted as master of ceremonies.

Attending from Beiseker were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Triebwasser, Mrs. Emil Lang and son Gene, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lang. Mrs. Triebwasser is a sister of Mrs. Engel.

Our best wishes to the honored couple.

## Beiseker News Briefs

Home for Easter holidays is Mattie Schmaltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Schmaltz, from St. Anthony's College, Edmonton.

Jackie Bet'in from St. Anthony's College is visiting relatives and friends in Beiseker.

The Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic will be held in Beiseker on April 8 from 6:30 to 8:30.

The Red Cross Drive, although not yet completed, has reached the total of \$1,200.00.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Olsen on the arrival of a baby daughter.

## Madden News Briefs

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mac Leask in General Hospital, Calgary, on Friday, March 13, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Latimer left on Wednesday for Rochester, Minn., U.S.A., where the former will receive medical treatment at the Mayo Bros. Clinic.

Mr. Harry Franks is a surgical patient in Belcher Hospital at Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jock Fairbairn are in Edmonton, where the latter is receiving eye treatment at the University Hospital.

On Thursday evening, March 26, the Home and School met in special session with the clinic doctor and nurse on hand. The doctor gave a short talk and two interesting films were shown. A nice lunch was partaken of before the meeting broke up. This meeting was one to take the place of the one to have been held in January which was postponed due to bad weather.

## Anglican Tea Proves Success

CROSSFIELD — On Saturday, March 29 the Anglican WA held a successful bake sale tea, and novelty sale. Pretty yellow daffodils graced each tea table, a delicious lunch was served, and a social visit enjoyed over the tea cups. There has not been too many teas in Crossfield lately, so this one was well patronized and brought much pleasure to all, as well as swelling the Anglican's bank account with an increase of around \$80.00.

The Guild feels that it has accomplished its Saturday's objective and wishes to thank all for coming and a special thanks to each who in any way contributed to the success of the afternoon.

## Red Cross Nets Good Slim In Drive

BEISEKER — The annual Egg Drive of the Junior Red Cross, grade 7 and 8 of Beiseker netted the grand amount of 147 eggs, \$38.35 in cash and six pounds of candy, which has been forwarded to the Alberta Crippled Children's Hospital, with the best wishes and greetings. Mr. L. Bunyan is the teacher, and the children deserve the highest praise for their thoughtfulness. President of the local Junior Red Cross is Lawrence German, and Jeanette Schwartzberger is secretary-treasurer.

## Didsbury Choral Society Presents "The Crucifixion"

CROSSFIELD — The Crossfield United Church was packed to hear the Didsbury Choral Society present Stainer's Crucifixion, on Thursday last, and all were more than repaid for their attendance, as it was perhaps the finest Easter music that Crossfielders have been privileged to hear. Professor Richardson was introduced by Rev. Dovey of the United Church and he in turn collectively presented his Choral Society, of whom he is justly proud. As he conducted, one could feel the close companionship of leader and choir, and the wonderful results of just such a relationship.

A well-known tenor, Alex Robertson, featured in much of the rendition, and was greatly admired for his wonderful expression and clarity of tone. Mr. Hughes, a young baritone, with an outstanding voice, lent his gift also to a goodly portion of the recitatives. Mr. Richardson himself, together with Mr. Robertson, in a bass and tenor duet, sang "So Thou Lifest Thy Divine Petition," which was a very beautiful number.

A very good bass was detected in George Thring, well-known VLA supervisor; his wife, Dorothy, was in the Alto section. Mr. Thring assisted in many of the quartettes.

Miss Joyce Taylor was an expert accompanist, who was at all times in harmony with the conductor and whose musical ability, at the piano proved an incentive to choir and leader. Joyce Taylor and Ruth Kirk blended organ and piano music during the offering, which incidentally netted the flood victims over \$40.00.

"The Crucifixion" concluded in approximately one and a half hours and Rev. Dovey pronounced the benediction.

The members of the Crossfield United Church choir together with friends served lunch to the Choral Society in the church parlor and Mr. Robertson moved a vote of thanks for same.

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of George Leask who passed away April 3, 1943.

Ever remembered by his wife and family.

—Margaret Leask and family.

## New Barley Variety

Gateway, a new barley developed at the University of Alberta, has been licensed by the federal department after three years of intensive testing across Canada. Distribution of seed to farmers will not be made before the fall of 1954.

Gateway, a sixth generation cross between Olli and Newell, is as early as Olli, higher yielding and has a slightly stronger straw.

## UFA Meet Discusses Parity Prices

CROSSFIELD — The regular monthly meeting of the Crossfield local FUA was held in the Community hall on March 12 at 8:00 p.m. with Vice-President J. Aldred in the chair.

The main discussion for the evening was on Parity Prices for farm produce on the domestic market.

The conclusion was that since the Canadian people enjoy a standard of living better than that of anywhere in the world except in the U.S.A., no reason could be seen why Parity Prices should not be established, with any surplus being sold at the world price. Under the present system the farmer of Western Canada is selling his wheat for 30 to 40 cents below parity or subsidizing the Canadian consumer 25 million dollars per year on 70 million bushels used in Canada.

A committee was set up to build and erect a bill board near the Post Office. Another committee was to try and get a warble sprayer into the Crossfield district. The program committee was asked to get Bruce Ellis, who has been over to Britain on a Nuffield Scholarship, to speak and show films of his trip at the next meeting on April 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the Community Hall.

## Ever-Charge To Be Boon For Farmers

EDMONTON — Recently introduced to the Alberta market is a new substance which will eliminate the inconvenience and expense caused to farmers by dead batteries. Ever-Charge replaces the former method of charging a battery, by dissolving the sulphation which forms on the plates rather than by re-charging from an electrical current.

Costing but a nominal sum, Ever-Charge is reputed to double the life and power of a battery, if the battery is mechanically sound.

Another feature of this boon to the motorists, and operators of trucks and tractors, is that Ever-Charge can in no way harm the battery.

An advertisement for Ever-Charge, complete with a coupon offering a premium price will be found on one of the inside pages of this paper.

## Lions Club To Start Swimming Pool Project

FORT SASKATCHEWAN — The Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club now have as their major project the erection of a swimming pool. Considerable information has been secured in regard to swimming pools and the formation of a committee to further the project will be formed at the next meeting.

Keith Soule a confirmed cripple from birth whose condition and improvement has been the concern of the Lions Club in co-operation with the Alberta Commercial Travellers Association will shortly re-enter hospital after having had his usual six months check up. Keith some time ago was presented by the Club with a bicycle and this has been the means of his getting around and also has been instrumental in strengthening his limbs so that further medical assistance can be given to him.

Canada has nearly 600,000 miles of roads. Only 14 per cent are paved.



# News From Other Alberta Towns

## Board Of Trade Is Active Body

BOYLE—Spearheading numerous worthwhile activities in Boyle and district is the Board of Trade. Headed by an aggressive executive, this group has already underway a number of plans for improving the town's facilities.

A piece of property has been purchased and set aside as a playground park which will look after such summer social events as annual picnics, and such popular athletic events as baseball tournaments.

Plans too are in the early stages to erect, with the help of the Lions Club a curling rink in the not too distant future.

At present, the Board of Trade on this property has a skating rink, the property was donated to the skating rink committee, and the Board of Trade helped to finance the well which is the rink's source of water supply.

Plans are already underway to have the ratepayers petition the Provincial Government for incorporating the hamlet. Spearheading this drive is the Board of Trade again. Since this will be the fourth time such a petition has been sent up, it is hoped that this time it will be successful.

Incorporating the town has several advantages which will improve the jurisdiction and permit a more orderly growth.

Only recently the Board elected a new slate of officers to carry out further the plans and work done by the earlier executive who did such an excellent job. New members are Mr. Lopushinsky, president, who takes over from Mr. Bolton, and Mr. Semenuik as secretary-treasurer will carry on from Mr. Andruski.

Backing as they do all enterprises beneficial to Boyle, the Board of Trade is a hundred per cent back of the annual Seed Fair, and they solicit the co-operation and interest of all the farmers and citizens of Athabasca M.D. in making this year's Annual Boyle Seed Fair an outstanding success.

## Nearly 100 Persons Attend R.E.A. Meet

BAPTISE LAKE — A meeting of the West Athabasca Rural Electrification Association was held in the Community Centre in Athabasca on March 19th. Close to 100 persons were in attendance to hear President Don MacLeod report on results achieved by the provisional board of directors. He also told of information gathered by the delegation to Edmonton. Average cost to each consumer will be in the neighborhood of \$1,200. This amount will bring into the farmer's yard, but cost of home wiring and connection to the transformer will be met by the individual.

The general feeling of the meeting seemed to be that, while the cost was higher than had been anticipated, they were ready to go ahead with the scheme. Several intimated that they might drop out if the figure went any higher.

Mr. R. Pratt was appointed returning officer to conduct the election of a permanent Board of Directors. The following were elected by acclamation: J. D. Loisselle, Don MacLeod, Chas. Patry, Hans Armfelt, D. A. Ross, Geo. Meyer, and J. Kislycia.

Spokesmen for the Lahaville, Grosmont, and Lincoln districts asked to have their communities served by the Association. It was also stated that residents of the Narrow Lake district were interested in the power project.

Some forty new members joined the Association during the meeting, making a total of sixty-three now signed as members.

## Completion Of Water System Planned

LAC LA BICHE—The Town of Lac la Biche is looking about at the work still to be done in regard to completing the waterworks system this spring. Extension of the disposal field is still necessary and that will require an additional sum of money. Besides that, the installing of service connections from the main distribution system to the properties at public expense has created a further need. However, more consumers accepted the water services and entered the general agreement to become water users immediately. The water became available from the system February 7 and within a few days most of the consumers were getting the benefit at their taps.

Supplementary borrowing is limited in amount and require the usual vote of the ratepayers after the amount of the borrowing has been approved by the Board of Public Utilities.

## Boyle Seed Fair Of Great Interest

BOYLE—If early interest is any indication this year's annual Seed Fair at Boyle promises to be an outstanding success. Following last year's highly successful beginning fair, this year's must reach a fairly high standard to maintain a steady degree of progress.

Stringent regulations last year limited the number of entries possible, but the attendance at the fair showed that district farmers were keenly interested. This year, with the relaxation of some of the rules and regulations it is expected that upwards of 200 entries will be received.

Co-sponsors of the fair are the Boyle Board of Trade and the Athabasca District Agricultural Society with the idea in mind to encourage farmers to plant better seed, thus improving their crops, and improving agriculture as a whole.

Provincial Government Agriculture officials lend their approval to the fair, and they contribute up to fifty per cent of the prize money.

Added attractions for the farmers during the fair will be a series of lectures, several movies, and addresses by Henry Young, the president of the Farmer's Union of Alberta, and a number of other speakers. The lectures planned will be on such subjects as Grain Marketing, Farm Planning, and Toad Flax Control.

Out of respect to the late E. S. Parson, former president of the Athabasca District Agricultural Society, the festival of entertainment planned for the evening of the fair has been cancelled.

## Home Economist To Hold Program

WILDWOOD — On Friday, April 10, Miss Ruth Whaley, district home economist, will conduct a very interesting program in Wildwood's Community hall, primarily of interest to the ladies of the district. The program will commence with a technicolor film at 1:30 p.m.

Other features will be the topics "Do you know your fabrics," a short demonstration by the Girls' Club; "Buying your foods"; Talks on "Safety in the Home" on "Sanitation," and a period for those participating to ask questions.

This should prove to be a very interesting and educational afternoon's entertainment, so remember ladies "You never miss the water till the well goes dry," and do your best to put in an appearance.

## Honors Ukrainian Born Slave

SPRUCE VALLEY — On Sunday, March 22, a Ukrainian Concert was held in the Spruce Valley Hall. This concert was in honor of Taras Shewchenko.

Taras Shewchenko (1814-1861) was born as a slave—a serf! During his lifetime he wrote many poems in Ukrainian. He made many Ukrainian paintings and also wrote several poems, plays, most of his novels and his diary in Russian. Many of his paintings and drawings have survived.

Midway between Toronto and Hamilton there is an 18-acre park.

At the far end of the park there stands a monument of Taras Shewchenko. In the park there is also a public museum. This was all erected in 1951. To many Canadians—those of Ukrainian origin—the monument is the very familiar face of Taras Shewchenko.

The actors in the concert were very beautifully dressed in Ukrainian costumes.

That night the crowd was tops. People from as far as Boyle, Lac la Biche and Ellsboro came out to see and hear this concert.

Mr. John Klubenowski from Edmonton was the guest speaker. After seeing the concert well-performed, Mr. Klubenowski invited the actors to come out to Edmonton with the concert. They plan to go soon.

## Former Local Man Appointed Scout Commissioner

WASKATENA — People of this district are much interested in hearing that Francis S. Fry of Calgary has been appointed Boy Scout Commissioner for Alberta. Mr. Fry is well known here, having come from England at the age of 11 to live with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Scott. Later he worked for several years in the Co-op Store, afterwards leaving for Southern Alberta. He is now general manager of Model Dairies in Calgary. Mrs. Fry is the former Ethyl Howlette of Spruce Canyon, and there are three children. The eldest son, Bert, who was born at Waskatena, is now in the RCMP. Friends here wish Mr. Fry success in his new post and feel confident that he will fulfill his duties in the same modest, unassuming but efficient fashion characteristic of him in the past.

## Electrification Group Hold Annual Meet

WASKATENA — The annual meeting of the Waskatena Rural Electrification Association was held March 22. Much interest was shown by the large number who attended and it is expected that the present membership of 37 will be doubled by the end of this year. New legislation being considered in the provincial house will make it easier for farmers to finance construction of power lines.

Re-elected as directors of the association were E. Carefoot, John Zinyk, B. Derewlanka, S. Shivet, J. Lawrence, H. P. Goettel and P. Dehoh.

## Minister To Visit Ireland Till Fall

McLENNAN—Mr. James Ritchie of Kinuso was a visitor at the Manse here on Wednesday and Thursday. He is leaving next week for Belfast, Ireland to visit his parents. He will return next August. Mr. Ritchie has been serving as minister (Lay Supply) at Kinuso and Widewater for the past 18 months with the United Church and has been very successful.

## Junior Livestock Entries Make Good Showing

STONY PLAIN — District Entries in the Junior judging competition in the Edmonton Spring Show made a creditable showing. This called for the placing of two groups of purebreds and commercial cattle, to be scored for correct placings and the reason for such placing. In the class of boys from 10 to 15 years old, winners were: Duncan Schoep, Stony Plain; Rudy Wilinsko, Daysland; Larry Shants, Wetaskiwin; Billy Robinson, Vermilion. In the girls class, 10 to 15 years, Irene Shants, Wetaskiwin; Hazel Barr, Vermilion; Joyce Bevington, Winterburn; Doris Ferguson, Tofield. In the contest for the boys and girls of 16 to 21 years, winners were: Gordon Johnson, Olds; Darrell Sutton, Tofield; Neil G. Miller, Spruce Grove; Ken Armitstead, Onoway; Norman Smith, Ponoka. All 90 exhibitors and judging competitors were guests at a luncheon Monday at the Edmonton Gardens. James Paul the Manager welcomed them and the awards were presented by president L. M. Rye, J. C. Yule and Howard Fulcher, of the judges and president Rye talked to them of club work and shows in the States and in Canada.

A Shorthorn Steer exhibited by Richard Secord of Winterburn won the Grand Championship in the baby beef class and was later sold to Burns & Co. of Calgary for 75c per lb. In the fat steer class they also took fourth place.

## Bellis Students See Safety Films

BELLIS — Safety Patrol films were shown in the hall on Monday to the high school students by Mr. Klufus and Corporal Beck.

After films a meeting was held by Corporal Beck to form a "Teen Club" in the district. The boys and girls were quite interested. It would give them something different in the way of recreation, now since the skating season is over.

## Death Takes Well-Known Farmer

BOYLE — Eric S. Parson, 60, an old-time resident of the Boyle district, died suddenly at his farm home on Monday night, March 23, following a heart attack. Mr. Parson had been ill in hospital in Edmonton for some time and had just returned home Saturday.

Mr. Parson came to the Boyle district some 40 years ago. He was a keen enthusiast for improved agricultural methods and as a result, he turned his homestead into one of the most productive farms in the district. Such was his success that in 1950 he was selected as one of the Master Farm Family winners.

He was always an active participant in agricultural affairs in the district and was president of the Athabasca Agricultural Society. He was also councillor for Division 1 in the M.D. of Athabasca No. 103. Other public activities include his being secretary of the Watershed Livestock Co-op, director of the Federated Co-ops Ltd., chairman of the Boyle local of the Alberta Farmers' Union, chairman of the local school board, was delegate to the ALC and the Alberta Poultry Producers and was also active in the CCF party.

Mr. Parson is survived by his widow and 11 children, all grown, and most of them are engaged in farming.

Funeral services were held at Boyle on March 27.

## 24-Hour Phone Service Coming

LAC LA BICHE — It is understood that the telephone service in Lac la Biche will be extended to a 24-hour service beginning at the first of May. This will be an added benefit in cases of sickness, evening calls and other business needs.

## Local Heifer Wins Prize At Spring Show

VILNA — On Sunday, March 22, Edward Doktor set out to spend an exciting week at the Edmonton Spring Show and Exhibition. He took along a Hereford heifer.

After washing her thoroughly and bringing her to top-notch condition, he took her out to the show ring on Tuesday afternoon, on the advice of one of the judges and won second prize, which was three dollars and a blue ribbon.

Perhaps the most thrilling experience here was to be able to be present in the ring while the judges selected the champion and grand champion. The heifer was sold on Thursday morning for \$375.

Together with gaining new knowledge and experience for raising prize-winning beef cattle, Edward has gained many new friends at the exhibition. With them he attended the junior exhibitor's lunch and the wrestling matches free. After one of the wrestling matches was over, they were surprised when the wrestlers who came from Regina, started a conversation with them.

This is not Edward's first year at the exhibition. He was there last year and made out quite well, placing 13th in a group of 33 beef calves. No doubt he will go again next year.

A few of the local people went to the city during the week, to witness the judging and sale of the cattle. Some of them were Mr. Machura, who bought a Hereford bull there privately; Mr. Bill Shapko from Irondale Farm, Bellis, who also bought a bull, and John Babe.

## M.D. Secretary Resigns

EVANSBURG — In the employ of the Municipal District of Pembina No. 94 for the past sixteen years, Arthur Wolff has resigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipality, a position he has held for 12 years. His last day at the office was Tuesday, March 31.

Here since 1910, Mr. Wolff will continue to live in Evansburg and he plans to open a Treasury Branch Agency and insurance office.

## Short Course To Run At Wildwood

WILDWOOD — The Wildwood and District Agricultural Society is sponsoring two short courses.

On Thursday, April 9 in the Wildwood Community hall Mr. Charles Gordon of the Dept. of Agriculture Edmonton, will discuss "Fitting and showing cattle for the fair."

Mr. G. R. Sterling, supervisor of weed control will speak on "Weed Control and Fertilizers" and as rabies is a much discussed topic these days, a portion of the afternoon will be devoted to this subject. Possibly Mr. A. Campbell, district agriculturist will be the speaker in this case.

Films will be shown in conjunction with some of the topics.

The program is to commence at 1:30 p.m. and we trust there will be a good attendance.

Everyone is welcome. Plans drawn to top Australian coal deposits.



## DO YOU REMEMBER?



HERE'S A PICTURE taken in days gone by, right here in Alberta. Perhaps the scene is familiar to you, and you can give us some information. For the best written description of this picture containing 200 words or less, the Editor will pay \$1.00. Send your entry to "DO YOU REMEMBER", P.O. Box 4430, South Edmonton.

## EFFICIENT TRACTOR NEEDED FOR FARM SAFETY

EDMONTON—A tractor in poor repair or one operated carelessly can cost a farmer his life, is the warning of the Rural Division of the Alberta Safety Council as spring work begins in Alberta's agricultural industry.

Officials of the organization stress that three factors will contribute to farm safety during the busy season: tractor and farm machinery in good repair, constant precautions in operation of tractor and machinery, and the general good health of the operator.

Machinery in poor repair is costly in time and money; it is also an extremely dangerous accident hazard, it was stated.

Farmers are advised to check the seat on their tractors before beginning spring work, to see that seat mountings are secure, strong and not worn. A seat suspension, breaking when tractor is going over rough land, can throw the operator to the ground in the path of a disc harrow, tiller or plow. A spring seat or foam rubber cushion on the tractor will contribute to the comfort and efficiency of the operator.

The tractor hitch should also be checked as a safety measure to see that it is properly mounted. Power take-off, if used, should be properly shielded.

Special attention should be given to the efficiency of the tractor's brakes, making sure they lock together, as improper brakes can swing the tractor around and turn it over or throw the operator to the ground.

Even a tractor in good repair can be a dangerous machine unless the operator is alert to safety measures, official of the Alberta Safety Council said.

High speeds should be avoided at all times. Refuelling should never be done while the motor is running, or when it is hot.

Hand clutches provided on some makes of tractors should not be operated from the ground. "Stay on your tractor and back it towards the hitch; don't attempt to operate the machine from the ground; you risk death or per-

manent injury if you do so," officials warned.

Several fatal accidents last year resulted from tractor operators allowing passengers to ride with them on their machines, it was pointed out. "A tractor is built to accommodate only the operator; a hitch-hiker on the machine courts death."

Safety conditions are greatly improved if the tractor operator himself is in good health and is provided with devices for his comfort while working. Tight-fitting goggles are especially useful during spring work when dust and high winds are prevalent. Cotton plugs or swimmer's rubber earplugs will reduce noise and prevent temporary deafness caused by the constant exhaust roar.

A complete medical check-up for the operator before he starts spring work is recommended by the Council. "In many other industries a medical check-up would be required after a six-months layoff. Make sure you are physically fit to operate a tractor this spring."

Accessibility to a first aid kit and knowledge of first aid can help reduce the seriousness of field accidents during the busy season, the Council stated.

## Honest Public

WICHITA, Kan.—A month or so ago, M. E. Stone, furniture dealer, put a quart pail on a nail outside the store with \$4 in change in it, and painted a sign on the store window, urging motorists to "make your own parking-meter change." At last check, Stone says the bucket had \$3.96 in it and that it's never been more than 7 or 8 cents short.

## Licensing Gone Crazy

(From the Financial Post)

A Quebec citizen who wishes to have his kitchen or out-house painted, must turn that job over only to members of a self-appointed group, if a request now before the provincial legislature is heeded. This comes from an organization known as the Professional Association of Painting and Decorating Contractors of the Province of Quebec. At its recent annual meeting, it asked for provincial legislation providing for compulsory licensing of painters and decorators. The idea, probably came from Edmonton, the only place in Canada where such a regulation applies.

This nonsense of licensing all

sorts of jobs that all sorts of people with a little training could perform easily and satisfactorily, has gone very much too far. It is taking work away from many who need work and adding greatly to the cost of maintaining property. In far too many cases the device is used simply as a means of restricting competition, of reserving plums for local favorites.

If he has to call in an expensive licensed professional every time a window sill needs a lick of paint or a tap starts leaking, pretty soon the average man won't be able to afford a home at all. As a matter of fact many of us are approaching that point right now.

## Nations' Leaders Express Hope Fresh Peace Talks Could Succeed

(By British United Press)

Echoes of the Chinese Communist peace offensive spread around the world today. Developments came in rapid fire order from London, Moscow and Seoul. The first clear-cut statement of British policy was made in the House of Commons. Prime Minister Churchill said that the new Chinese peace proposals seem to offer hope for an end to the Korean war.

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The Prime Minister continued: "Thus, it seems to provide the basis on which the armistice negotiations can be usefully resumed." Churchill added: "These developments, if not spoiled—seem to offer a new hope—for a cessation of the fighting in Korea." The Commons cheered the Prime Minister's report.

Officials in Washington wonder whether part of the price for peace in Korea is Red China's admission to the United Nations. It events proved this to be so, officials say that the price is just too high.

Earlier plans to demand immediate full-dress debate of the Chinese proposals in the UN have been scrapped.

In New York's financial district there was another reflection of Korean developments. Prices on the New York Stock exchange slipped downward for the third session in a row. Selling hit the market after a firm opening.

## Teachers Face Heavy Agenda

EDMONTON — One hundred and eighty delegates, representing 68 locals, are attending the annual general meeting of the Alberta Teachers' Association in Edmonton April 6, 7, 8, according to Eric C. Ansley, general secretary-treasurer of the ATA.

A heavy agenda including 109 resolutions faces the delegates. Meetings got underway at the Macdonald Hotel Easter Monday with registration commencing at nine o'clock, and this was followed by fraternal greetings from the Alberta School Trustees' Association, Alberta Farmers' Union, Alberta Federation of Home and School Associations, Alberta Federation of Labor, Civil Service Association, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, Department of Education, Faculty of Education, and the School Superintendents' Association.

Resolutions occupied most of Monday and Tuesday, with the elections and committee reports likely to take up most of the final day. One special report deals with a proposal to revise the system of electing the president of the ATA.

Annual reports are to be given by retiring president Marian Gimby, Mr. Ansley, general secretary-treasurer; the board of administrators of the teachers' retirement fund; the ATA representatives on the board of teacher education and certification; curriculum committees; radio committee; faculty of education; salary schedule committee; education co-ordinating committee; library committee and others.

## Car. No. 188187

J. E. Comeault, agent at Alberta Wheat Pool elevator at Picardville, thinks he has an attraction for C.P.R. car No. 188187. He loaded it with wheat on March 6 and on March 13 back came the same car to be loaded with oats. If that car comes back to Picardville again, Mr. Comeault is going to claim it as his own.



Wayne Ronald Wutrch

## Red Cross Sick Room Loans Crutches

Boys will be boys and a trick or two on a fence meant a broken leg for five-year-old Wayne Ronald Wutrch of Winnipeg. Red Cross came to his aid with the loan of a pair of crutches to help him get around until he was ready for more, exciting activities. Now sound and sturdy he is shown returning the crutches to the Sick Room Loan Supply Service.

Little Wayne is one of the many thousands of Canadians who call every year for the loan of sick room supplies from the Red Cross. All requests for loans of sick room supplies, which are made absolutely free of charge, are checked with the family physician for the protection of the patient, the doctor and the Red Cross.

"In most Canadian centres hospital accommodation is difficult to obtain and more and more cases of chronic incurable diseases are being cared for in the home," stated Helen McArthur, national director of Red Cross nursing services. "Through the Red Cross it is possible to obtain on loan such things as hospital beds, back rests, bed pans, crutches, and wheel chairs. Linen, blankets, air rings and others are also provided by the local Red Cross branches."

The Sick Room Loan Cupboards have widened their scope in recent years through the co-operation of local departments of health and women's organizations. Private physicians, health and welfare agencies, nursing services, as well as private individuals, all make calls on them in more than 500 Red Cross centres.

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The Editor will pay \$1.00 for every item published on "The Most Embarrassing Moment of My Life." To qualify, items must be true, personal incidents. Address "Embarrassing Moments," P.O. Box 4468, South Edmonton.

Returning alone from church one evening my husband was acting as usher, a lady from the congregation introduced herself to me and said "I've always wanted to meet you." "I've met your son," I said: "you mean my husband." "No," she persisted, "your son who is the usher." I didn't mind her thinking my husband was young looking, but as I was then only 31 years old I was mighty embarrassed.

M.M.R.

### Keephills.

Given charge of my little boy cousin at the beach, my attention was diverted for a few minutes by the large crowd of people. Choosing the moment when my back was turned, he quickly pulled off his bathing suit and ran down the beach in his altogether. Embarrassed, I ran after him with his swim suit in my hand.

Velma Barritt.

### Mirror.

I have had a most embarrassing moment in my life and here it is. Just the other day I was at a funeral in church and I wore a skirt. During the funeral service, all of a sudden I heard something slip down my feet. I looked down and here was my skirt on the floor.

You can imagine how I felt! Luckily I had been standing amongst the women and wearing a long coat, not very may saw me pick it up, but it was pretty hard for those standing around to have to choke their laughs in handkerchiefs.

At a funeral, of all places!

Mrs. R.M.

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## EDITORIALS

### A Good Investment

The Canadian Cancer Society is again conducting its annual campaign for funds in this community. In considering the request for contributions, most people, it is pretty certain, will ask themselves just how important is it that they give to this cause.

Can they also ask with justification, "I've given year after year and still we're threatened by cancer?"

Each man's answer will be his own.

Our answer is based on the word, "hope."

It must be remembered that the long hard road of research can turn at any moment. A look at the record of scientific achievement will demonstrate this better than anything else.

The death rate from rheumatic fever declined 53 per cent between 1944 and 1950, the last year for which figures are available. Deaths from pneumonia and influenza declined 47 per cent in the same period. From 1944 to 1949 appendicitis deaths were cut 53.7 per cent and the scarlet fever death rate dropped 70 per cent.

The over-all death rate in Canada was reduced 15 per cent from 1937 to 1950.

This tremendous improvement is directly due to the development of the sulfa drugs, penicillin and other antibiotics.

But these wondrous jailers of infection did not leap full blown from the minds of their creators. They were the results of many patient years of plodding investigations.

And so, too, can it be with cancer. If the public can provide funds to keep the scientists at work long enough they will find the complete answer. Already, half of those who develop cancer could be saved by early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

More than half a million dollars was allocated to research by the Canadian Cancer Society in 1952. The Society expects to increase the figure this year.

When you are asked to give, do it with great expectations—with the knowledge that cancer can be conquered and with the ever constant hope that it will be soon!

### Wheat Agreement Discussion

The latest information on the International Wheat conference being held in Washington, D.C., is that wheat exporting countries have reduced their figure for a ceiling price to \$2.10 and the importing nations have increased their figure to \$1.95.

While press reports would suggest that the difference in viewpoint on the ceiling price has created a deadlock, there is some hope that an agreement will be signed. A compromise price of around \$2.05 may be arrived at.

If no wheat agreement is signed the key to the price situation will rest mainly with the United States. By the end of the crop year the government of that country will own at least 400 million bushels of wheat. If that volume is held off the market importing nations will have to bid for supplies. If it is dumped on the market prices will skid.

### Note and Comment

The British wheat crop in 1952 is estimated at 82.8 million bushels. Production in 1951 was 83.5 million. The average yield per acre was 42.2 bushels.

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The livestock industry in France is suffering heavily from foot-and-mouth disease. About 15 per cent of the total cattle population have been infected.

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The United States imported 16.6 million bushels of Canadian wheat during the first six months of the present crop year. Of that total 3.2 million bushels was for milling in bond.

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On February 20 some 25 million lbs. of butter was stockpiled in Canada, an increase of 7 million lbs. over the amount in storage on the same date the previous year.

## Super Highways — Super Crack-Ups

By T. W. PUE

For many years Albertans have been rightly critical of the condition of Highways in the Province. Narrow roads, muddy and rutted, however, are being replaced with 44 foot width speedways, hard surfaced, with plenty of shoulder width on each side. High speed will replace low speed, and muddy ruts will be replaced by smooth hard-top surfaces lending itself to carefree, bump-free auto travel.

But now traffic authorities remind us that though Hon. Gordon Taylor, Minister of Highways and his corps of engineers are doing a good job, we still can make junk of our jalopies, and soup-bones out of our collective necks on these super-roads.



T. W. PUE

We haven't yet approached the high standards of the Pennsylvania Turnpike which was built in 1940. But better roads and better cars mean more frequent and serious traffic casualties.

Latest statistics prove that more and more super-road users are cracking up in more and more accidents. A total of 365 drivers and passengers have been killed on the Pennsylvania Turnpike since 1940; 40 died on the New Jersey Turnpike during its first 10 months of operation. Cars in such high-speed fatalities average \$2,429 damage per vehicle. The average two-or three-lane highway wreck runs up a repair bill of less than \$500.

The reason for such new-style super-smackups is deadly simple. A car traveling 70 mph (Pennsylvania legal speed is 70; Jersey 60) can't be braked to a safe stop in less than 297 feet. If a car or truck less than that distance ahead of you gets into trouble, chances are excellent that you'll pile up on him, as No. 2 man in a multiple crackup.

On the Jersey road, recently, 11 cars which hadn't bothered to slow down in fog got tangled in a sensational chain-reaction smackeroo.

Even skilled truck drivers can't speed with impunity. On the Pennsylvania toll road, a while back, one huge trailer truck skidded and jack-knifed, and was promptly ground to pieces by four trucks roaring behind it. Score: Two dead; \$700,000 estimated damage.

Alarmed safety authorities are demanding speed-way reforms—more patrolling and perhaps even a system of caution signals like those on auto racetracks, to slow the scorchers down when there's danger ahead. It's obvious that some such stern measures are needed unless our best highways are to become our worst traffic nightmares.

Meantime, unless you really crave to figure in one of those sensational, 90 mph, double-decker pile-ups, better take it easy.

### A Voice Against Hanging

Every decent-minded citizen of Alberta, indeed of all Canada, will be relieved to know that the death sentence on a Drumheller miner, guilty of killing his wife, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

In prison this man can be given some useful work to do and live, not because of his deeds, but in spite of them. It is time that capital punishment was written off our law books.

The Calgary Albertan has raised the point that hanging serves no purpose whatever. Threat of hanging didn't stop a crazed young man from pumping five bullets into the body of an Edmonton businessman in broad daylight on a parking lot in the centre of the city.

It didn't stop a moral degenerate from violating and then murdering a Calgary woman. It didn't stop the Drumheller miner from killing his wife to put her out of pain and misery.

Why don't we put a stop to this savage idea that the state must take the life of every man guilty of homicide? Do two wrongs make one right?

### A Tasty Dish

A lady in Alabama, U.S.A., who lost her bet that Governor Stevenson would win the recent election, had to eat the front page of a pro-Eisenhower newspaper complete with the winner's photograph. The dish was quite palatable as the lady first burned the page, mixed the ashes in a cup of coffee and swallowed it with apple pie.

### The Bible Today

Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost His savour, wherewith shall it be salted? —St Matthew, V: 13



## Voice of the People

### THE WAY TO PEACE

It has been suggested that if peace broke out that our prosperity would burst like a bubble and we would be in the midst of a depression. This is probably true, but it can hardly be believed that we are desirous of keeping our present tensions and fears so high just to enjoy "high wages," "high profits" and "high prices." To suppose that the majority of humanity; our fathers, mothers, young men and sweethearts like this continual uncertainty; the separations and the killings of Korea; the giving up of the cherished plans of young people in order to fight for Queen and country and the shocks of war, is not true.

That the American people are desperately anxious for peace is proven by the eagerness with which they accepted Eisenhower's promise to go to Korea and seized upon it as a way to settle that war. Eisenhower's stated willingness to go halfway around the world to meet Stalin, has stirred hope again and why not? We have tried the cold war and the threat of the atom bomb and failed to secure peace. We have, under Acheson's direction, tried to build up our strength by armaments until we could negotiate from the point of overwhelming power. We had the atom bomb and now likely have the hydrogen bomb but in our hearts we know that to use them would not bring peace but destruction. Russia has the same weapons and we are like "sitting ducks" with our large cities more vulnerable than is Russia to attack.

What have we gained by past policies? Has the U.S. built up much friendship for herself? Do we feel ourselves secure? Are the United States' motives trusted in Europe and Asia? Actually have we tried a give and take type of negotiation, or simply tried to dictate, shown distrust and overbearing intolerance to the others viewpoint and race superiority?

During four years in the west we have built up armaments and planes and spent millions, but very little toward building friendships and confidence. Yet millions of our young people are just waiting for inspired leadership in the battle of ideals. No conscription is necessary in such a struggle. Even Russia's fear of us would dissolve if we demonstrated we really meant to be friendly. We must come to it sometime, why not commence now?

L. W. N.

Stony Plain.

### "BACK TO DEMOCRACY"

I am glad to have your paper which I am now receiving municipally. It is a first step back towards democracy since the wider Unit System destroyed the roots of democracy in Alberta.

JOHN F. MILNER.

Fallis, Alta.

### POLITICIANS IN PULPITS

The Dean of Canterbury (the Red Dean) has been in Ontario and has spoken in several Canadian cities. It is also rumoured that the Premier of Alberta is going to make a return tour of Ontario.

Now these gentlemen do not visit Ontario for advancement of Christianity or the betterment of social conditions but the one will try to further the interests of Communism and the other of Social Credit.

It is regrettable that men like the Dean of Canterbury, the Premier of Alberta and Ontario's Rev. James Endicott, are allowed to prostitute their positions and use the pulpits of the Christian Church for the furtherance of their fanatical and dangerous political ideas; but such is democracy.

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## LETTERS TO LOUISA

Dear Louisa,

All of the letters I have been reading in your column lately have been from people who are unhappy about some problem, so I thought I would give your readers a change by writing and telling about a happy couple.

My husband and I have been married for six years and we have two darling children. Bob doesn't make a big salary but it is enough for us to pay on a small home which will be ours in fifteen years. We also are putting up an educational fund—paying insurance on it—and we allow ourselves a babysitter one night a week.

I have my work well-organized so that dinner is ready when he comes home in the evening and he puts the children to bed while I clean up the dishes.

He enjoys doing this and reads or tells them a story as he doesn't get to see them much at any other part of the day.

After they are in bed, we talk or listen to the radio and, before long, we hope to save enough for a TV set.

Bob is perfectly happy over this set-up and so am I. The children are healthy and I have an arrangement with a friend who keeps my children when I go to the Church circle and I keep her's when she goes to church meeting.

We go to church each Sunday and leave the children in the church nursery. I always cook enough on Saturday so that I can heat up dinner on Sunday. If the day is nice—after a nap—all of us ride over to see the grandparents who usually keep us for an early supper.

Bob thinks I am a wonderful cook and I have studied the government book so that he gets a balanced diet. He has had three raises since we have been married, so I feel that we are very lucky.

Just thought I would let you hear from a couple who haven't much money but who are enjoying life.

MARY G.

Answer:

Thank you, Mary, for your nice letter. I am sure that it will make a great many people realize that they have more to be thankful for than to complain about.

Happiness really comes from within and it is very contagious. A happy, contented wife, or husband, can often make a whole household happy while a complaining, lazy woman or an inconsiderate, stingy man can make the home a continual nightmare.

There are very few of us who are perfect and adjustments have to be made after every marriage. You, Mary, and Bob, seemed to have managed this beautifully. Everything is on a fifty-fifty basis. You take your job as a home-

maker seriously and have good meals and a nice home atmosphere. Bob does his part and enjoys doing it and you are both so congenial that you do not consider it a hardship to give up the outside pleasures for a few years until your children grow older and he is making more money.

Thank you for your inspiring letter.

LOUISA



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### Smut Losses — An Extra Tax

Smut diseases continue to levy an annual tax of thousands of dollars on Western Canadian crops of wheat, oats, and barley. This is one tax prairie farmers should get rid of in 1953. How? By seed treatment.

**Losses Heavy.** According to the records, 3 out of every 1,000 carlots of wheat shipped through Winnipeg each year during the last 10 years have been graded "smutty" on account of bunt (stinking smut). Even heavier smut losses occur in oats and barley. In the last few years, for instance, it has not been difficult to find fields of oats and barley in many districts in which, by actual count, the number of plants destroyed by smut ranged from 10 to 20 per cent. Most of these losses are caused by the smut diseases that are carried over from one season to the next on the outside of the seed — smuts which can be controlled effectively by disinfecting the seed with an approved chemical.

**Seed Contaminated.** The results of smut tests already completed by this Department on about 3,000 farmers' seed-grain samples from the 1952 crop show that 44% of the stocks of wheat, 86% of those of oats, and no less than 92% of the stocks of barley farmers intend to use for seeding purposes this Spring are contaminated with smut. With this condition existing why should any farmer in Western Canada take a chance on planting untreated smut-carrying seed in 1953.

**Lower Production Costs.** Today it is essential for grain growers to keep their production costs as low as possible. The control of smut through seed treatment is one simple method of reducing production cost and increasing profits. Yes, seed treatment is a tailor-made answer to reducing smut losses. Treat your seed grain this Spring and get rid of the 1953 "smut tax."

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A.H.

While my two-year old son was playing in the yard, he was stung by a bee. He came crying to me and said, "I was bit by a hot fly."

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**Nephew**—You needn't whisper, uncle—she's also deaf.

### A Slam

**Patient**—I adore bridge! I could play bridge in my sleep.

**Partner (grimly)**—Apparently you do.

### Accurate Service

**Diner**—Waiter, I'll have lamb chops with potatoes, and have the lamb chops lean.

**Waiter**—Yes, sir, which way?

### Pay No Attention

**Mayme**—How's your husband this morning, Myrt?

**Myrt**—The poor boy's delirious again.

**Mayme**—Heavens! Is it serious?

**Myrt**—Gracious, no. It's the silliest stuff you ever heard.

### Prompt Lad

**Skive**—I hear that young Pozzle is bringing suit against the government for \$50,000 damages.

**Pycraft**—On what grounds?

**Skive**—Flatfoot. He was on a government job and was carrying a heavy piece of iron when the whistle blew and he dropped the iron on his feet.

### A Mental "Facial"

**Wife**—Richard, my mind is made up.

**Hub**—Heavens! Is that artificial, too?

### Never Trust 'Em

**Prison Chaplain**—Why are you here again, Tom?

**Convict**—Because of my belief, sir.

**Chaplain**—Nonsense! What do you mean?

**Convict**—I believed the policeman had gone by, sir.

### The Salesman

**Wife**—"Have you ever seen the man that sold you those Florida lots that were two feet under water?"

**Husband (sheepishly)**—"Yes, I saw him the other day."

**Wife (suspiciously)**—Well, what happened?

"He sold me a boat."

### Definitions

**Public Speaking**: The art of diluting a two-minute idea with a two-hour vocabulary.

**Fortune Hunter**: The man who seeks a girl for her pa value.

**Fishnet**: A lot of little holes tie together with a string.

### What?

**Wife**—I went to cooking school before I got married.

**Chief**—What did you do there, play bridge?

### A Brick Would Do

"Why do they have those glass cases with axes in them in the passenger cars?"

"Oh, they are there in case someone wants to open a window."

## COMMERCIAL SEED TREATMENTS SAFE IF USED PROPERLY

EDMONTON — Farmers who use commercial chemical products to treat grain preparatory to seeding can do so without danger, if reasonable precautions are observed. The reassurance comes from the Rural Division of the Alberta Safety Council.

The Council's report is based on findings of the American Medical Association's Committee on Pesticides, and is in line with opinions expressed by Agricultural engineers in the Alberta Department of Agriculture. It deals with benzene hexachloride, sold under the trade name of "Lindane", a gaseous liquid used in the treatment of seed grain to prevent wireworm, and with mercurial dusts which are now in common use as smut preventive.

Officials of the Alberta Safety

Council warned that benzene hexachloride, the insecticide, can have a toxic or even fatal effect on humans if the vapour is inhaled in high concentration.

"Fresh air—and lots of it—will prevent human poisoning from the use of this pesticide", it was stated.

If you are treating your seed grain with Lindane or similar chemicals, work out of doors in the fresh air—not in a granary or other closed building. If the work is being done in a seed cleaning plant, precautions should be taken to see that air conditioning units or direct ventilation by means of fans are provided.

Where electrical dispensers of the pesticide are used, these machines should be equipped with protective devices which will avoid too high a concentration of the chemical by controlling the amount which is liberated into the air.

Safety measures must also be observed in the use of mercurial dusts, officials of the organization said. Masks should be worn to prevent the dust compounds from being inhaled. Goggles will eliminate irritation of the eyes by these chemical dusts.

Grain which has been treated with mercurial dust or with an insecticide such as benzene hexachloride is, of course, highly poisonous and should be kept away from livestock.

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Since it is becoming increasingly difficult to find new resistant wheats for breeding, other sources should be explored to supplement the supply of resistance, says R. C. McGinnis, Laboratory of Cereal Breeding, Winnipeg. It is known that certain wild grasses related to wheat—various species of *Agropyron*, *Aegilops* and *Haynaldia*—have excellent resistance. Should a transfer of this resistance to common wheat prove possible, then a new reservoir of breeding material would be available. Some of these grasses do not cross readily with wheat, or when they do cross, produce sterile hybrids. When this happens, a different method of breeding must be used. First, two grasses are crossed and then the resulting hybrid is treated with a chemical such as colchicine. Colchicine can cause the chromosome number to double in the plant cells, and the hybrid thereby becomes fertile and stable. This is called "species building" because such hybrids are actually new species. In many cases these new species can be crossed successfully with wheat. In this way the rust resistance of certain wild grasses may be transferred to wheat.

In 1951, a program such as outlined was started at the Cereal Breeding Laboratory. Undoubtedly the program will meet with many adversities and will require a number of years before its practicability can be fully assessed.

The aircraft carrier HMCS Mag-nificent has travelled far since her commissioning in April, 1948. Training cruises have taken her to the sub-Artic and the Caribbean, to Europe several times and twice to the Mediterranean.

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## Treatments

According to registration records for 1952, 33 brands of Seed Treatments were registered under the Pest Control Products Act, administered by the Plants Products Division, Department of Agriculture. These products were registered by 16 firms, many of which provided Canadian farmers with other pesticides for the control of diseases and insects affecting agricultural production. More than half of these Seed Treatments are new products only available to farmers in the last few years. The following is a brief outline of the types of Seed Treatments available: Fungicidal (Mercurial), 15 preparations; Fungicidal (Non-mercurial), 10 preparations; Insecticidal (Lindane), 4 preparations; Insecticidal - Fungicidal (Lindane plus Mercurial), 4 preparations.

The Fungicidal Treatments are designed to disinfect seed, and to protect it from soil-borne diseases. The newer formulations contain one of the following ingredients: Phenyl Mercuric Acetate (PMA) which is effective against smut (except loose smut), seedling blight and seed rot of flax. PMA is toxic to man and therefore should be used with care. Hexachlorobenzene, a chlorinated hydrocarbon, is specific for the control of bunt or stinking smut of wheat. Thiram, an organic sulphur compound, effectively controls several of the soil-borne seed and seedling diseases.



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These last two products are of low toxicity to man and have added merit on this account. Lindane, the Gamma Isomer of Benzene Hexachloride, is very effective in soil-borne insect control, and the standard rate of one ounce per acre applied on the seed will give nearly complete protection from wireworms.

Last year 38,734 Canadians, young and old, learned swimming and water safety in 4,925 classes conducted by volunteer.

In Canada there are 390 national historic sites which have been officially marked with plaques or cairns.

## Ald. Hanna Speaks At Commerce Meet

FORT SASK.—The monthly meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce was held in the Community hall Thursday last. J. Jost, the president presided and there was a good attendance.

After the usual routine of business had been attended to, discussed and passed along, the president introduced the speaker of the evening Alderman Dick Hanna of Edmonton.

He discussed at length the

problems which have faced the City of Edmonton during the past few years especially dealing with the question of water and sewer services, a subject in which this town is vitally interested.

He hoped from his talk that this town would benefit from Edmonton's experiences and that it should build not for the present but also for the future.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Alderman Hanna at the close of the meeting.

Softball is flying from hand-to-hand, and somehow has missed the windows... but it's practice.



### HOW much have automobile insurance rates increased?

- In relation to other car costs they've gone down.  
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- So, in dollars, how much have auto rates gone up?  
An average of 30% for Public Liability and Property Damage. An average of 60% for full coverage.

### WHAT affects the cost of automobile insurance?

- The number of accidents
- The average cost of accidents
- The costs of doing business
- The profit or loss of the insurance company

### WHY have rates gone up in dollar cost?

- Because accident rates have been soaring.  
Today one person is killed every four hours in Canada — one person is injured every fifteen minutes — a fender is smashed every two minutes.

- Because accident costs have been soaring.  
A wrecked car costs two to three times as much to replace as in 1939 — a damaged car costs twice as much to repair — those fenders every two minutes cost three times as much.
- Because medical and hospital costs have increased an estimated 165%.  
The bill for injuries is the highest in history.
- Because average Canadian earning power is up 180%.  
That means higher payments to settle "lost time" claims.

### THEN HOW have insurance companies kept rates from going much higher?

- By cutting operating costs.  
Overhead is higher but operating costs per vehicle have been slashed.
- By losing money.  
Auto insurance companies paid out \$65,000,000 in claims last year. They lost \$6,300,000 doing it.

### THE REMEDY

- Reduce accidents.  
When the accident rate goes down — unless the cost of each accident goes 'way up' — insurance rates will go down too. Competition makes that certain.
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